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Included below is a press release announcing the annual Greek Week activities at Ferris State University. Greek Week begins on Monday, April 7 and runs through Saturday, April 12. Greek Week features community and civic engagement as well as having some fun for a good cause. Any media requests regarding this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.

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BIG RAPIDS – Community involvement, civic engagement, building social capital and having fun are all part of being Greek at Ferris State University. This year’s Greek Week activities kick off Monday, April 7 and end on Saturday, April 12. This annual event celebrates the achievements of Greek organizations and gives the entire Greek community opportunities to connect with other chapters.

This year’s Greek Week theme is “Mardi Gras.” Winning chapters of the Greek Week events will be honored at the 14th annual Torchbearer Award Ceremony, on Wednesday, April 30.

“Greek Week is a tradition to pair friendly competition with a common cause to raise awareness and funds for this year’s Greek Week philanthropy Make-A-Wish Foundation,” said Stephanie Mellinger, coordinator for Greek Week. “We chose Make-A-Wish Foundation because it provides opportunities to kids who otherwise wouldn’t have them. Being Greek means being part of a family that wants to help students and the community.”

The Greek Week event are listed here:

- Monday, April 7: The fifth annual Chili Cook-Off at 7 p.m. West Campus Community Center
- Tuesday, April 8: Lip-sync, dodge ball, and dress-up competition at 7 p.m. at Crossroads Charter Academy
- Wednesday, April 9: Greek Games at 7 p.m. at Crossroads Charter Academy

- Thursday, April 10: Greek Comedian Evan Wecksell, at 7p.m. in Williams Auditorium.
- Saturday, April 12: The Big Event, 9 a.m. and participants are to meet at Top Taggart Field

Greek Week events on Tuesday and Thursday are open to all students for audience participation.

“The Big Event, the highlight of the week, is what being Greek is all about,” Mellinger said.

Ferris has 21 Greek organizations on campus representing three councils: Black Greek Council, Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council. Greeks contribute a large amount of the volunteers that participate in The Big Event every year. This year alone, Greek organizations have earned more than 1,200 community service hours.

According to Mark Schuelke, Interfraternity advisor, Greek Week has been a tradition on campus for more than 30 years. Competition, fun and volunteering are part of the core values of these groups. While Greeks account for less than 10 percent of the student population, the impacts of these organizations do not go unnoticed, he added.

For more information about the Greek Week events contact: Stephanie Mellinger, Greek Life Assistant Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services by email at mellins1@ferris.edu.

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